

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA COMMERCIAL PACK GEESE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced plans to purchase ready-to-cook young geese for use by recipients in domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for ready-to-cook young geese in one or more of the following forms:

Commercial Pack Geese, Small (214110) – U. S. Grade A, frozen, nonbasted young geese, commercially packaged, with necks and giblets. Geese must weigh not less than 8 pounds (3.63 kg) and not more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) per carcass weighed with necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed with not less than five geese and not more than six geese per container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Commercial Pack Geese, Medium (214010) – U. S. Grade A, frozen, nonbasted young geese, commercially packaged, with necks and giblets. Geese must weigh not less than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) and not more than 14 pounds (6.35 kg) per carcass weighed with necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed with four geese per container. The difference between individual carcass weights per container must be not more than 2 pounds (0.91 kg). The 2-pound (0.91-kg) increments per container must be: 10-12 pounds (4.54-5.44 kg) or 12-14 pounds (5.44-6.35 kg). A purchase unit will total 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

Invitation No. 1. inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, June 5, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, June 9, for product to be delivered from June 16 to June 30 and July 1 to July 15. Subsequent invitations may be issued, as needed.

Offers may be submitted electronically via the Internet by accessing the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) at <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> (translates into a connection of <http://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>). Certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-236, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specification and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to deliver during the contracted delivery period.

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Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-236, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Commercial Pack Geese dated May 2000, and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this food purchase report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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